



FAITH BELT STUDIOS

Faith Belt

Multimedia artist and shadow puppeteer

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EDUCATION

University of Tennessee , Knoxville, TN	May 2022
• BFA-drawing and ceramics concentration • Entrepreneurship minor	
Science Hill High School , Johnson City, TN	May 2018
• High School Diploma with 4.0 GPA	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teacher, Little Lambs Preschool, Johnson City, TN	2022-Present
• Facilitating children's creativity, socialization, and overall development	
Clay Teacher, McKinney Center, Jonesborough, TN	2023
• Taught elementary-age children the basics of ceramics • Prepared lessons and materials, fired projects	
Froster, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Johnson City, TN	2022
• Organizing and completing orders with quality and efficiency	

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, The Art Service, Mankato, MN	2025-Present
• Designing and creating large-scale commission artwork • Communicating with clients, organizing projects, and managing workflow	
Working Artist, Sweet Haven Studio, New Ulm, MN	2023-Present
• Creating personal, collaborative, and large commission artwork • Carrying out "rent" projects, caring for and improving the physical space • Participating in art projects in surrounding community	
Vice President of the Board, Hearts & Hands Creative Arts Ministry Inc., Neenah, WI	2023-Present

- Advancing nonprofit's mission to support WELS/ELS artists by providing opportunities to create, grow, and make connections, both with each other and with their audience.
- Planned and facilitated Visual Artist Weekend

Art Camp Teacher, MVL Art Camp, New Ulm, MN

2024

- Taught a shadow puppetry workshop
- Guided grade school and middle school campers in a variety of art mediums

Art Camp Teacher, Bethany Art Camp, Mankato, MN

2023-2024

- Designed curriculum for successful individual and collaborative projects
- Taught middle school and high school campers a variety of mediums
- Helped organize and install student art show

Internship, JJJaspersen Fine Art Studio, New Ulm, MN

2021

- Managed a working studio schedule and completed assigned tasks
- Engaged in lost wax casting, mold-making, wax pouring, and plaster investments
- Completed commission work and compiled a media package for clients

PERFORMANCES & EXHIBITIONS

2025

Coyote Myth, Potpourri, Puppets in the House - Puppeteers of America Regional Festival, Verona, WI

Coyote Myth, Assembly Required: Wham Bam Puppet Slam, Sly Grog Lounge, Asheville, NC

2024

Daniel and the Lions' Den, Fall Festival for Flood Relief, Living Word Lutheran Church, Johnson City, TN

The Loyal Mongoose, Woodland Elementary School STREAM Day Program, Johnson City, TN

The Loyal Mongoose, Yard pARTy, EAT/ART Space, Johnson City, TN

The Loyal Mongoose, Puppet Paradise: Puppeteers of America Southeast Regional Festival, Asheville, NC

The Light of the World, Atonement Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, Atonement Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI

The Light of the World, Sunday Morning Kids Club, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Muskego, WI

2023

The Light of the World, Living Word Lutheran Church, Johnson City, TN

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, Fall Festival, Living Word Lutheran Church, Johnson City, TN

The Bremen-Town Musicians, Tales from the Shadows: Spooky Stories for the Brave, Fischmann Gallery, Johnson City, TN

The Bremen-Town Musicians, Woodland Elementary School STREAM Day Program, Johnson City, TN

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, Fischmann Gallery, Johnson City, TN

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, Bethany Lutheran College Art Camp, Mankato, MN

Jonah: A Shadow Puppet Play, Hearts & Hands Workshop, Milwaukee, WI

How Snowshoe Hare Rescued the Sun, Woodland Elementary School STREAM Day Program, Johnson City, TN

Nativity, Living Word Lutheran Church, Johnson City, TN

2022

Images of Grace, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN

CAPSTONE 22, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

UTK Sculpture Club: Whatchamacallits, Gallery 1010, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

75th Annual Student Exhibition, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
Jurors: Tom Holmes and Shelby Rinke

Issue 64: Artwork from Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine, Gallery 1010, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Light of Truth 2nd Student Exchange Exhibition, Hiram Van Gordon Gallery, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN; Main Gallery, Fisk University, Nashville, TN; Student Union Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN. Juror: School of Art Diversity Committee

2021

74th Annual Student Exhibition, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
Jurors: Hamlett Dobbins, T. Michael Martin and Denise Woodward-Detrich

Faith Belt and Rose Hamm: Mending and Gnawing, Gallery 1010, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

2020

73rd Annual Student Exhibition, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
Jurors: Dan Mills and Gail Skudera

2019

72nd Annual Student Exhibition, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Single Adult Category: Second Place , <i>Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk</i> , Knoxville, TN	2025
Chalk Art Competition: First Place , <i>Art Struck Festival</i> , Johnson City, TN	2024
Arrowmont Scholarship , <i>City Folk: Papercut Cityscapes</i> , Gatlinburg, TN	2023
Puppeteers of America Young Adult Scholarship , College Park, MD	2023
Single College/YA Category: First Place , <i>Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk</i> , Knoxville, TN	2022
Kimberley D. Iles Scholarship , University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	2021
Knoxville Watercolor Society Hugh A. Bailey Memorial Scholarship , University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	2021
Jerry's Artarama Award , 74 th Annual Student Exhibition, Ewing Gallery, School of Art, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	2021
T.H. Gillespie Award , University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN	2020

COMMISSIONS

Martin Luther College Forum , New Ulm, MN	2024
• <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Shadow Puppets and Shadow Mask	
Wordly Group , Sioux Falls, SD	2022-Present
• <i>Mindy, Cindy, and Kenny Book Series</i> Illustrations	
WELS Multi-Language Productions , Waukesha, WI	2022-Present
• Vietnam Sunday School Poster Illustrations • Zambian Sunday School Poster Illustrations	
Mike Westendorf , Milwaukee, WI	2020-Present
• Climb the Mountain T-shirt and sticker design • Lent Series Paintings • Advent T-shirt and Banner Designs	
Illume , Seattle, WA	2021-2022
• <i>Balance in a Certain Light</i> Spotlight Series Ceramic Sculpture • <i>Identity in a Certain Light</i> Spotlight Series Illustration	

Great City Network

2021

- Advent Series Media Package
- Summer Series Media Package

Living Word Lutheran Church, Johnson City, TN

2020-2021

- Book of Judges Series Illustrations
- Christmas Illustration
- Book of Ruth Series Illustrations

SKILLS

Drawing
Illustrating
Ceramic sculpture
Stained glass
Mold making
Lost wax
Clay mixing
Kiln loading
Electric kiln firing
Art handling
Puppet-making
Puppeteering
Directing
Teaching

Photoshop
Video editing
Sound editing
Design thinking
Prototyping

Microsoft Office
PowerPoint